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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 26,
2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing

of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.